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SUBJECT: SALE OF JAPANESE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY VESSELS TO PRC

REF: A) PARIS 09404, B) STATE 23158

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY COMMERCIAL SOURCE, THAT THE STREAMER CABLE AND STREAMER CABLE CONTROL SYSTEM TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY VESSELS BEING BUILT BY MITSUI ENGINEERING AND SHIPBUILDING CO. FOR SALE TO THE PRC MAY BE OF A TYPE EMBARGOED BY COCOM. SINCE REFTEL A DID NOT COVER THE STREAMER CABLE AND CONTROL SYSTEM, COULD THE JAPANESE COCOM DELEGATE DETERMINE FROM HIS AUTHORITIES THE TYPE OF CABLE TO BE USED IN THIS PROJECT?

2. FYI: SUBJECT HAS COME UP BECAUSE OF INTEREST OF U.S. FIRM IN SUPPLYING STREAMER TO ANOTHER PRC PROJECT. HE ADVISED THAT THE STREAMER WHICH HE WISHED TO INCLUDE IN THIS PACKAGE WAS BEING INCLUDED IN THE JAPANESE PACKAGE, HENCE A PRECEDENT FOR APPROVAL. HOWEVER, USG AUTHORITIES WILL
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PROBABLY DENY THE U.S. EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION AND NEED VERIFICATION ON THE TYPE OF CABLE ALLEGED TO BE SOLD TO THE PRC ON THE JAPANESE VESSELS TO SUPPORT THEIR CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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